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CAGLAYANGIL AND PRIME MINISTER SOARES OF PORTUGAL
ADDRESS COUNCIL OF EUROPE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY.

1. DURING ITS APRIL 25-29 MEETING THE PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY
OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE HEARD A COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMITTEE
OF MINISTERS BY IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER GARRET FITZGERALD, AND
STATEMENTS BY TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL AND PRIME MINIS-

TER MARIO SOARES OF PORTUGAL. THE STATEMENTS, SUMMARIZED BELOW, CONCERNED THE DEVELOPING POLITICAL ROLE OF THE COUNCIL PARTICULARLY AS RELATED TO CSCE IMPLEMENTATION AND THE UN, AND ON THE ATTITUDES AND POSITIONS OF THE TURKISH AND PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENTS TOWARD CSCE AND THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. STATEMENT OF IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER GARRET FITZGERALD: FITZGERALD SPOKE TO THE ASSEMBLY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS AND STRESSED THE DEVELOPING POLITICAL ROLE OF THE COUNCIL "BOTH AT THE LEVEL OF MINISTERS AND DEPUTIES BY THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON SELECTED POLITICAL SUBJECTS". THESE SUBJECTS INCLUDED NOTABLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI AND THE AGENDA OF THE UNGA.

ON THE MATTER OF CSCE, MINISTERS, AT THEIR JANUARY MEETING, WERE ABLE TO IDENTIFY "THOSE ASPECTS OF THE FINAL ACT WHICH CLEARLY STILL AWAIT DETAILED IMPLEMENTATION". MINISTERS AGREED, HE CONTINUED, THAT ALL PARTS OF THE FINAL ACT ARE OF EQUAL VALUE AND THAT THE "ESSENTIAL ELEMENT" TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE APPROACHING BELGRADE MEETING IS THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE ACT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED. IT IS ESSENTIAL HE SAID TO AVOID POLEMICAL CONFRONTATION AT BELGRADE, BUT RATHER TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND ISSUES OF HUMANITARIAN CONCERN, ARE GIVEN CLEAR REFLECTION IN THE CONDUCT AND PRACTICE OF ALL THE SIGNATORY STATES .

AS CONCERNS THE UNGA, FITZGERALD REPORTED THAT MINISTERS IN PURSUING THEIR EXCHANGES ON ITEMS ON THE UN AGENDA ARE PARTICULARLY

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LARLY INTERESTED IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS. BRIEFLY DESCRIBING UN PROCEDURES IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS AS INADEQUATE BECAUSE THEY DEPEND IN EACH INDIVIDUAL CASE ON THE CONSENT OF THE PARTY COMPLAINED AGAINST , HE RECOMMENDED THAT UN PROCEDURES BE MODELED AFTER THOSE FOLLOWED BY THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE AS EXEMPLIFIED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AND EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

SPEAKING BRIEFLY IN HIS CAPACITY AS IRISH FOREIGN MINISTER, FITZGERALD EXPRESSED HIS THANKS TO THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE FOR ITS SYMPATHETIC INTEREST AND CONSTRUCTIVE CONCERN ON THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND , AND HE PLEDGED HIS GOVERNMENT TO HELP THE PEOPLE OF NORTHERN IRELAND TO LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE AND TO WORK LOYALLY WITH AN ADMINISTRATION IN NORTHERN IRELAND FOR THE COMMON GOOD OF ALL THE PEOPLE OF IRELAND .

3. STATEMENT OF TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CAGLAYANGIL: COMMENTS OF TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER CENTERED ON THE CSCE AS

A STEP ON THE LONG ROAD TO DETENTE AND ON ORGANIZING THE PEACE. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING DIALOGUE BETWEEN OPPOSING CAMPS AND OF ENCOURAGING OPEN, DEMOCRATIC DISCUSSION OF ALL POTENTIAL OR EXISTING DIFFERENCES. THE PRINCIPAL MERIT OF THE CSCE, IN THE VIEW OF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT, IS THAT IT PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK FOR SUCH DISCUSSIONS. WHILE THE RESULTS OF CSCE HAVE SO FAR BEEN MEAGRE, HE STATED THAT AN IMPROVED POLITICAL AND HUMAN CLIMATE IN EUROPE COULD PLACE THE PEACE WHICH WE NOW ENJOY ON A FIRMER FOUNDATION.

CAGLAYANGIL DESCRIBED THE FINAL ACT AS A WELL-BALANCED WHOLE WITH ALL SECTIONS OF THE DOCUMENT BEING OF EQUAL IMPORTANCE.

IF DETENTE IS TO BE ESTABLISHED IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICTS MUST GIVE WAY TO THE PEACEFUL COMPETITION OF IDEAS, AND MUST MAKE PROGRESS NOT ONLY INTER-STATE RELATIONS BUT ALSO ON THE LEVEL OF

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CONTACTS BETWEEN PRIVATE OR OFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS. IF IT IS TO BE ANYTHING MORE THAN AN ILLUSION, THE BUILDING OF AN ATMOSPHERE OF DETENTE MUST LEAD TO CESSATION OF THE ARMS RACE AND BALANCED REDUCTION OF FORCES.

EFFORTS TOWARDS DETENTE OUGHT NOT TO BE RESTRICTED TO EUROPE ALONE, AND IN THAT CONNECTION, HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE HIS GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO THOSE PROVISIONS OF THE FINAL ACT DEALING WITH THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION AND EMPHASIZED TURKEY'S CONCERN WITH FINDING A JUST SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN WHICH THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS MUST NOT BE IGNORED.

IN A BRIEF ALLUSION TO THE THORNY PROBLEM OF CYPRUS, WHICH THE MINISTER DESCRIBED AS THE ONLY DARK SIDE OF TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS, CAGLAYANGIL CALLED FOR THE CREATION OF A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT FEDERAL STATE OF CYPRUS AND PLEDGED HIS GOVERNMENT'S SUPPORT TO INTER-COMMUNITY NEGOTIATIONS SEEKING SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEM.

4. STATEMENT OF PRIME MINISTER MARIO SOARES OF PORTUGAL:
PRIME MINISTER SOARES REMARKS CONCENTRATED ON THE STRUGGLE BY PORTUGAL DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS TO INSTITUTE A PLURALIST DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL, AND OF THE THREATS TO THIS YOUNG DEMOCRACY BY TOTALITARIAN GROUPS WHOSE AIM WAS TO DESTROY FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY. HE STRESSED EFFORTS BY PORTUGAL TO GIVE PRACTICAL EFFECT TO THE EUROPEAN OPTION OF PORTUGUESE POLICY, THROUGH ITS MEMBERSHIP IN THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE, SIGNING THE EUROPEAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND APPLYING FOR ACCESSION TO THE COMMUNITIES. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT EUROPEAN COLLABORATION WILL HELP PORTUGAL REMAIN A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC COUNTRY IN SPITE OF THE DANGERS TO A FRAGILE UNDER-

DEVELOPED ECONOMY RAVAGED BY COLONIAL WAR AND BY THE DEMAGOGIC
EXCESSES OF THE PRO-COMMUNIST ECONOMIC ADMINISTRATION OF
1975 .

SOARES AFTER CITING THE DANGERS OF TOTALITARIANISM TO HIS
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COUNTRY, MOVED TO A DISCUSSION OF THE FINAL ACT CALLING ON THE
DEMOCRATIC STATES OF EUROPE TO ENSURE ITS STRICT APPLICATION
PARTICULARLY IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS INSEPARABLE
FROM THE DIGNITY AND GROWTH OF MAN .ROMINE

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